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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Shinichiro AOE, et al.

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For : PRODUCTION METHOD & PRODUCTION  
SYSTEM FOR HOT ROLLED STRIP

Art Unit : 3725

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**A M E N D M E N T**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
February 20, 2008 the term for response to which expires on  
May 20, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16, 20  
and 22-30 are amended; and claims 17-19, 21, 31 and 32 are  
maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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authorization to charge the  
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